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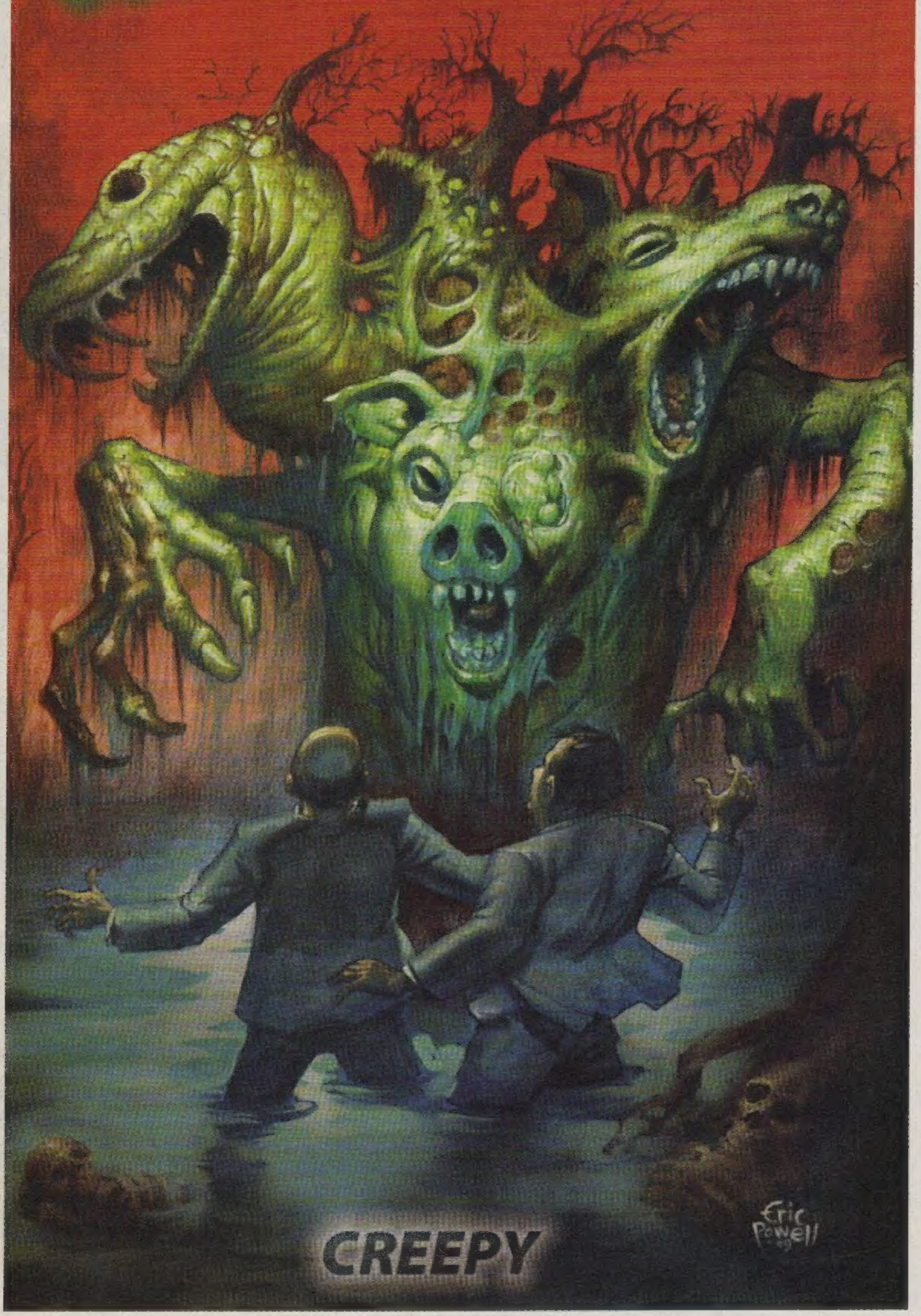

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Blackest Night: Tales of the Corps

Antarctic Press

If you think that *your* kids have been the devil to deal with, then creators *Matt Spradlin & Anthony Vargas* have the perfect series for you! ***Bad Kids go to Hell*** is three issues of demon-summoning fun during a Saturday detention period. Think of it as The ***Breakfast Club*** with more violence and ghoulish activity. (Jun-Aug)

Ringing the bell to bring school back into session, ***Gold Digger: Tiffany and Charlotte: Second Semester*** is four-issues of manga-style action from *Fred Perry & J.L. Anderson*. (Jul-Aug)

Arcana Studio

For the handful of people that remember it, ***Don Bluth's Space Ace*** is back in a six-issue limited series. Dexter, Kimberly and the evil Commander Borf are all back to fight over the fate of Earth, with plenty of humor along the way. (Jul-Aug)

Archaia Studios Press

There are days that you don't remember. There are days that no one remembers. And that is because someone has been hiding them from you. *Phil Hester & Frazer Irving* are the architects behind ***Days Missing***, a five-issue series revealing some of the most important days in human history—days that shaped the world—that have been taken from the collective memory by one ancient being. The reasons and the story of those days will be revealed here. (Aug)

Set in the year 2031, ***Titanium Rain*** follows the life of one pilot as the world spirals into global conflict due to the a civil war in China. Now, to survive, this pilot has to give up some of his humanity to become something more—something part machine. (Aug)

Archie Comic Publications

Is the marriage of the next century! (Well, at the rate these guys are aging, that's the soonest it could possibly happen, really.) In ***Archie Comics #600***, the red-head from Riverdale finally makes his choice and proposes to Veronica! Why did he choose the rich girl over Betty? Or did that question just answer itself? Find out this summer in the epic multi-part storyline, "Archie Marries Veronica." (Aug)

Aspen

What if everything you were always told to believe wasn't only wrong, it was a lie to disguise the truth. Looking to reveal the truth by taking down his own creator, ***Dellec*** fights not only against the ultimate evil, but against the perceptions of mankind as well. (Jul-Aug)

If you are going to ask this woman to get you coffee, just make sure you say please. Part bodyguard, part secretary, part assassin, ***Executive Assistant: Iris*** has it all going for her. The new action-adventure series by *David Wohl & Eduardo Fransisco* portrays the ultimate necessity for the modern Tokyo businessman. (Jun-Aug)

Automaton

Life imitates television in the world of comics, as *Jack Hsu* creates ***8-9-3***, the original graphic novel of a Yakuza assassin who becomes involved with a beautiful woman which threatens to destroy his world. (Aug)

Avatar Press

In a world of super-heroes that act as super-powered policemen, *Christos Gage & Roberto Viacava* are about to take one of them over the line. John Dusk, the main character of ***Absolution***, has faced the same foe again for the last time,

because this time he's killing them. The worst part is that he knows what he's doing is wrong, he just can't stop himself—and he hopes that others are able to forgive him. (Aug)

The original creative team of *Warren Ellis & Facundo Percio* return with ***Anna Mercury 2***. This five-issue series pits the science-fiction heroine against techno-vikings from beyond space. Hey, in Anna's world, anything is possible—literally. (Jun-Aug)

Bluewater Productions

William Shatner returns to his literary roots with the release of the all-new ***William Shatner's TekWar*** series. Shatner joins up with writer Scott Davis and artist Erich Owens, telling all-new tales of Jake Cardigan and his cyber-forward world. (Jun-Aug)

Looking into the most feared arena in the world, Bluewater brings you the battle of...politics. Each issue of the new ***Political Power*** series focuses on a different figure from the world of government, starting with ***Colin Powell*** in the first issue, and then moving the 44th President of the United States, ***Barack Obama***. The special issues sold amazingly fast, so expect big things from the regular series. (Jul-Aug)

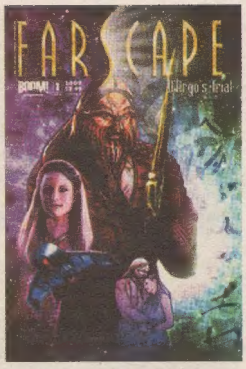
Boom! Studios

Horror movie fans will be delighted to know that the story begun in the movie continues in the pages of ***28 Days Later***. This series by *Michael Alan Nelson & Declan Shalvey* focuses on the young woman named Selena, as she must fight against the infected, the American presence and her own people. (Jul-Aug)

In a post-apocalyptic world, if you absolutely, positively need something delivered...well, there aren't any businesses left to call. But you can call on Nick Masters, who might just be the best that there is, but that might not be enough. ***Dead Run*** is brought to you by *Andrew Cosby, Michael Alan Nelson, & Francesco Biagini*. (Jun-Aug)

Yippee-ki-yay! Ever wanted to know the detailed background of New York cop John McClane? The new ***Die Hard: Year One*** series is giving you that chance, with the creative team of *Howard Chaykin & Stephen Thompson* living through his rookie year in 1976. (Aug)

The *Philip K. Dick* classic that inspired ***Blade Runner*** is given new life, as Dick's original text is illustrated by *Tony Parker* in the new comic-sized 25-part adaptation of ***Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep***. (Jun-Aug)

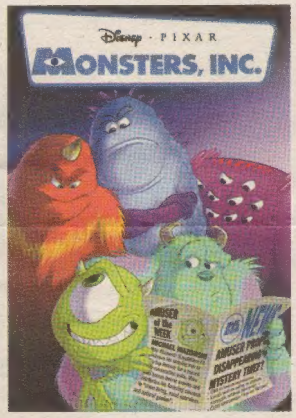


Revealing events that occurred before the series, ***Farscape: D'Argo's Trial*** by *Keith R.A. DeCandido & Caleb Cleveland* explores the marriage and events that led to the Luxan being a criminal in the possession of the Peacekeepers. (Aug)

Love will be true wherever you go. At least, that's what John Crichton is hoping, as ***Farscape: Gone and Back*** lands him in another timeline, where he searches for his wife, Aeryn—who just happens to still be a Peacekeeper. (Jul-Aug)

Writer *Mark Waid* joins artist *Marcio Takara* to bring you all-new tales of ***The Incredibles***. This ongoing series begins with a horrible event that threatens the family as a whole, as...Jack-Jack gets a cold. (Aug)

Based on the new movie by award-winning screenwriter *Diablo Cody*, the new graphic novel ***Jennifer's Body*** presents a series of short stories set in the same universe and expanding on the same world of demonically possessed killer cheerleaders. (Aug)



All of your favorite characters return for new adventures in ***Monsters Inc: Laugh Factory***. A series of sabotaged equipment points right towards Mike, and it's up to Sulley and Boo to clear his name. (Aug)

You will believe a frog can fly. ***Muppet Peter Pan*** is the latest Muppet-ized tale, this time using Kermie Pan in the world of Neverswamp, along with his annoying fairy Piggytink and the evil Captain Gonzo. (Aug)

There is a treasure in the theater, and either Scooter or Rizzo the Rat is going to find it. Welcome to ***The Muppet Show: The Treasure of Peg-Leg Wilson***, a tale so powerful that it makes Animal smart and refined and Kermit cool. Weird things are happening at the Circle K... (Jul-Aug)

Making swords is Toshiro Ono's reason to live, but when one of his swords is used to kill his family, he has one last sword to make for one last reason: revenge. *Andrew Cosby, Michael Alan Nelson, & Ayhan Hayrula* craft ***Swordsmith Assassin***, a tale of love, vengeance and justice in feudal Japan. (Aug)

Lightning McQueen learns the backstory of his new friends in the four-issue ***The World of Cars: Radiator Springs***. (Jul-Aug)

Courtesy your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Dabel Brothers Publishing

Patricia Briggs has a knack for telling tales about female shapeshifters. And in her second series, ***Patricia Briggs' Cry Wolf***, the universe that was unveiled in the ***Mercy Thompson*** series expands as readers are introduced to Anna, a rare Omega Wolf shapechanger who has to come to terms with her role in this supernatural existence. (Aug)

Dark Horse

Writer/artist *Matt Kindt* offers a Marquez-like look at the life of an oversized man in ***3 Story: The Secret History of the Giant Man,*** a 192-page hardcover graphic novel. What would it be like to stand head and shoulders above everyone else—and to keep growing? (Jul)

Mike Mignola, Joshua Dysart, Fabio Moon, & Gabriel Ba explore the hidden history of the BPRD in ***BPRD: 1947,*** a five-issue limited series that pits the team against a lone vampire nobleman on the trail of any and all survivors of the Third Reich. (Jul)

Becky Cloonan & Vasilos Lolos pay a visit to *Joss Whedon's* best-known fictional world in ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Tales of the Vampires,*** a 40-page oneshot. (Jun)

In ***Citizen Rex,*** a six-issue limited series, *Gilbert & Mario Hernandez* join forces to present a bizarre, sexy view of the future of robotics and what it means to be human. (Jul)

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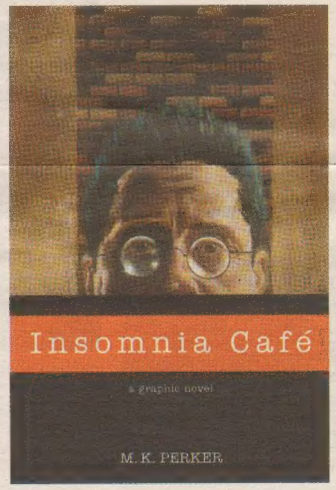
After launching an acclaimed reprint series spotlighting the classic Warren title from the 1960s, Dark Horse kicks off an all new quarterly ***Creepy*** anthology series this summer. ***Creepy #1*** will feature 48 pages of horror tales by *Neil Kleid, Joe Harris, Dan Braun, Mike Woods, Angelo Torres, Bernie Wrightson, Jason Shawn Alexander, Eric Powell,* and others. (Jul)

Scott Allie & Kevin McGovern present a Kafka-esque tale of dark fantasy, conspiracy, romance, and mystery in ***Exurbia,*** a 112-page graphic novel in which a young man finds himself rejected by his girlfriend and framed for blowing up his apartment building—the latest in a string of deadly bombings in this doomed suburb. (Aug)

Eric Powell joins with the creators of Adult Swim's ***Metalocalypse*** to present ***Dethlok Vs. The Goon,*** a 32-page oneshot that also serves as a prequel tale for Dark Horse's ***Metalocalypse*** comics series that launches later this year. (Jul)

Rob Reger & Buzz Parker launch their newest bi-monthly miniseries with the premiere of ***Emily the Strange #1.*** (Jul)

Bryan Talbot, the creator of ***The Tale of One Bad Rat*** and ***Alice in Sunderland,*** returns with ***Grandville,*** a 108-page hardcover murder mystery set in an alternate reality in which Britain lost the Napoleonic War and fell under the thumb of French domination. (Aug)



In ***Insomnia Cafe,*** an 80-page hardcover graphic novella, *MK Perker* invites readers into a strange library where books currently being written are already on the shelves. It sounds like a book-lover's dream... but for a rare book expert whose life was nearly ruined by a black marketer, it creates problems that he never imagined! (Aug)

Some of the biggest names in crime comics are featured in ***Noir,*** a 104-page trade paperback featuring original tales by *Brian Azzarello, Ed Brubaker, Rick Geary, Paul Grist, David Lapham, Dean Motter, MK Perker, Eduardo Barreto, Fabio Moon, Gabriel Ba, Sean Phillips,* and others. (Jul)

John Arcudi & Javier Saltares help Dark Horse relaunch one of SF's most successful franchises in ***Predator #1,*** the kickoff issue of a four-part series. (Jun-Aug)

Arvid Nelson brings his long-running alternate-history saga to a close in *Rex Mundi #19.* (Aug)

Former Jedi Dass Jennir accepts a job that puts him on a collision course with not one, but two deadly outlaw gangs, in ***Star Wars: Dark Times—Blue Harvest #0,*** a 40-page collection of the introductory chapters of "Blue Harvest" from ***MySpace Dark Horse Presents.*** (Jul)

Star Wars: Invasion, a new five-issue limited series by *Tom Taylor & Colin Wilson,* is set twenty-five years after the Battle of Yavin. The forces of the New Republic and the fledgling New Jedi Order stand ready to face an invasion of hostile warriors, but they've never seen anything like the Yuuzhan Vong! Luke Skywalker is about to discover that it's not his galaxy anymore... (Jul-Aug)

Mike Kennedy, Cliff Richards, and *Al Rio* venture into the world of the upcoming videogame from Vogster Entertainment in ***Unbound Saga,*** a standalone oneshot that introduces readers to the seedy back alleys of future Toxopolis and one of its less-than-stellar citizens, Rick Ajax. (Jun)

Witchfinder: In the Service of Angels, a five-part series by *Mike Mignola & Ben Stenbeck,* chronicles one of Edward Grey's first cases as an agent of the queen. (Jul)

DC

One of comics' longest-running titles returns with the relaunch of ***Adventure Comics!*** *Geoff Johns* writes both stories in this double-feature book: the first story features Superboy with art by *Francis Manapul,* while the second features the Legion of Super-Heroes with art by *Clayton Henry.* (Aug)

In the wake of "Batman R.I.P." and ***Battle for the Cowl,*** a new Batgirl has emerged in Gotham City, and as she begins her nocturnal crusade to take back the night, she will truly learn what it means to wear the mantle of the Bat in ***Batgirl #1*** by *Bryan Q. Miller, Lee Garbett, & Trevor Scott.* (Aug)

The Battle for the Cowl is over, and it's time to meet the new Batman... and it's also time to learn all about the new status quo in the Bat-universe. Things kick off with the debut of the new *Grant Morrison-Frank Quitely* series ***Batman and Robin,*** which launches with the three-part "Batman Reborn." (Jun-Aug)

Fresh off his history-making run as artist of the weekly ***Trinity,*** *Mark Bagley* signs on as penciller four *Judd Winick's* Two-Face

four-parter that launches in ***Batman #688.*** (Jul-Aug)

Paul Dini & Dustin Nguyen offer a street-level view of life in Gotham City in ***Batman: Streets of Gotham #1.*** How will the police feel about this new Batman, and can he control the crime in Gotham the way the old Batman did? Each issue will also feature a 10-page Manhunter backup tale by *Marc Andreyko & Georges Jeanty.* (Jun-Aug)

Kevin Smith & Walt Flanagan launch the first of two six-issue limited series with ***Batman: Widening Gyre #1.*** The stakes are high as Batman encounters a new vigilante under his wing amidst what Smith describes as a "backdrop of romance, intrigue, and geek-bait guest stars galore." This six-part monthly series will be followed (after a six-issue hiatus) by a second six-issue series finishing the story—and that will pave the way for a new series starring that mysterious vigilante who makes his debut here. (Aug)

Geoff Johns & Ivan Reis raise the dead in the ***Blackest Night #1,*** which launches the most anticipated comics story of the year. Throughout the decades, death has plagued the DC Universe and taken the lives of heroes and villains alike. But to what end? As the War of Light rages on, the prophecy of the Blackest Night descends upon us, with Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps at the center of it all. (Jul-Aug)

Deadman can't shut out the cries of the dead rising as he comes to the aid of the new Batman. It's just in time, too, as the duo face a circus of zombies including the Black Lantern Flying Graysons. Witness the nightmarish challenges that Batman and Deadman face in ***Blackest Night: Batman,*** a three-issue limited series by *Peter J. Tomasi & Adrian Saef.* (Aug)

Black Lantern Superman has unearthed Pa Kent's grave! But that's only the beginning of the horrifying things he's about to unleash on an unsuspecting Smallville in ***Blackest Night: Superman #1,*** the kickoff issue of a three-part series by *James Robinson & Eddy Barrows.* (Aug)

Geoff Johns, Peter Tomasi, and a veritable who's who of artists reveal the secrets behind the Lanterns in ***Blackest Night: Tales of the Corps,*** a three-issue limited series. Bear witness to Blue Lantern Saint Walker's pilgrimage of hope, Star Sapphire Carol Ferris' sacrifice for love, Green Lantern Kilowog's courageous beginnings, Red

Lantern Vice's source of rage, Orange Lantern Blume's bizarre creation, and the first appearance of the mysterious Indigo, leader of the Indigo Tribe! (Jul-Aug)

Black Lantern Titans are descending together onto Titans Island! Will the Titans be prepared to fight off their deceased allies? And how can Beast Boy not lose his heart to Black Lantern Terra? Find out in ***Blackest Night: Titans,*** a three-part miniseries by *J.T. Krul & Ed Benes.* (Aug)

The Spectre crosses paths with Xombi, who makes his first DC Universe appearance in ***The Brave & The Bold #26*** by *John Rozum & Scott Hampton.* (Aug)

Detective Comics, home for Batman's exploits for 70 years, launches a new era as Batwoman takes on the starring role courtesy of *Greg Rucka* and *JH Williams.* And if that's not enough, there's also a ten-page Question backup feature in each issue, courtesy of Rucka and artist *Cully Hamner.* (Jun-Aug)

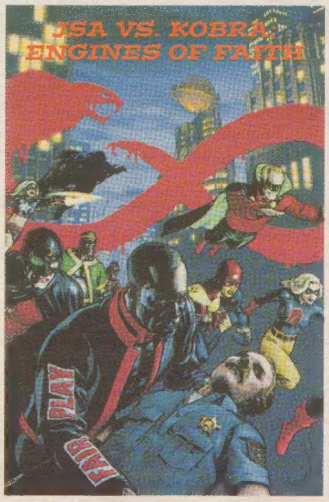
The world's strangest superheroes are back in *Keith Giffen & Matthew Clark's* ***Doom Patrol #1,*** and they brought those robot guys along with 'em in the form of Metal Men backup stories by *Keith Giffen, JM DeMatteis, & Kevin Maguire.* (Aug)

Geoff Johns & Ethan Van Sciver continue the tale of Barry Allen's bumpy return to the DCU in ***Flash: Rebirth #s 3-5.*** (Jun-Aug)

The bad girls of Gotham City move into the spotlight in ***Gotham City Sirens #1*** by *Paul Dini & Guillem March.* Catwoman, Poison Ivy and Harley Quinn are tired of playing by other people's rules regardless of which side of the law they're on. These tough ladies have a new agenda that's all their own, and they'll use any means necessary to pursue it. (Jun-Aug)

The official prologue to ***Blackest Night*** starts in *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy's* ***Green Lantern #43*** as the first Black Lantern is born!Then, in ***Green Lantern #44,*** as Hal Jordan and Barry Allen investigate a bizarre crime in Gotham City, they come face to face with one of their oldest allies – J'onn J'onzz, the Martian Manhunter! (Jul) Then ***Blackest Night*** continues in the pages of ***Green Lantern #45*** by *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy* as The Black Lanterns descend on all the Corps throughout the universe! (Aug)

Just when things couldn't look any darker after the death and chaos of the Sciencell riot, Blackest Night descends on Oa! The black rings tear into the planet and the Lantern Crypt causing all the dead Corps members to rise and wreak havoc as a new and deadlier battle threatens to engulf not only the Corps, but the Universe itself! Witness the horror in ***Green Lantern Corps #39*** by *Peter Tomasi, Patrick Gleason, & Rebecca Buchman. (Aug)*



The new lord of Kobra has shown his true face of evil, and now the JSA stands ready to face him in ***JSA Vs. Kobra: Engines of Faith,*** a limited series by *Eric Trautmann, Don Kramer, & Michael Babinski.* But the old tactics may not work against this new terrorist network. (Jun-Aug)

What brings a team together? Justice! Batman and Martian Manhunter have been slaughtered. But they're not the only heroes to fall at the hands of villains. The murder has to stop, and it's time to take the fight to the bad guys! Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Supergirl, Atom, Shazam, Congorilla and Starman unite in ***Justice League: Cry For Justice #1,*** the launch issue of a six-part series by *James Robinson & Mauro Cascioli.* (Jul-Aug)

A new era begins for the Justice Society of America as writers *Bill Willingham & Matthew Sturges* join with new artist *Jesus Merino* beginning with ***Justice Society of America #29,*** just as two new recruits make their debut with the team! (Jul)

At long last, *J. Michael Straczynski* is set to launch his revamped line of Archie/MLJ titles with the launch of four weekly specials spotlighting a quartet of classic heroes. ***The Red Circle: The Hangman,*** illustrated by *Tom Derenick & Bill Sienkiewicz,* follows a Civil War doctor destined to forever roam the Earth, saving the lives of innocents... or hastening the deaths of the guilty! But in taking the seemingly righteous mission of the Hangman, has he accepted God's work? Or has he become the vengeful fist of the Devil himself? (Aug)

Then, in ***Red Circle: Inferno,*** JMS & *Greg Scott* follow an amnesiac survivor of a bombing attack on a cruise liner. Then, when the hospital where he is a patient is attacked, he once again survives... after bursting into flames! But why does the man who stands in those flames, the man know as the Inferno, look nothing like the one who stood in his place just seconds before? (Aug)

Next, in ***Red Circle: The Web,*** artists *Roger Robinson & Hilary Barta* join JMS to chronicle the saga of billionaire John Raymond who hopes to upstage his heroic brother—but soon, he finds himself living up to his brother's heroic ideal when tragedy strikes. (Aug)

The final book, ***Red Circle: The Shield,*** illustrated by *Scott McDaniel & Andy Owens,* follows a dying soldier from the battlefields of Afghanistan to a secret facility where nano-technology saves his life... and remakes him as the American fighting man known as the patriotic Shield. (Aug)

Gotham may have a new Batman, but not everyone is ready to give up on the old one, as *Christopher Yost & Ramon Bachs* reveal in ***Red Robin #1.*** Someone believes that Bruce Wayne may still be alive…and that someone is Red Robin. (Jun-Aug)

The four-part "Codename: Patriot" storyline runs through all four Superman titles in August. It kicks off in ***Superman: World of New Krypton #6,*** when someone is shot and Superman sets out to find the culprit... even though the chase takes him back to Earth. Then, in ***Action #880,*** Nightwing and Flamebird are hot on the trail of the psycho sleeper agents Nadira and Az-Rel when the heroes run into another deadly duo – Reactron and Metallo! Next, in ***Supergirl #44,*** it's Supergirl and Mon-El versus Nightwing and Flamebird! Then, in ***Superman #691,*** Superman has to stop the shooter from taking yet another course of action that would cause the situation between Earth and New Krypton to grow exponentially worse. (Aug)

Since Superman freed him from the Phantom Zone, Mon-El has spent all his time learning about Earth and its diverse cultures. Then a gift from the Legionnaire Tellus allows Mon-El to explore the ancient history of Daxam – from its founding as a Kryptonian colony to its connection to the Mayans of Earth to its bloody civil war—in ***Superman Annual #14*** by *James Robinson & Javier Pina.* (Aug)

Jimmy Olsen has put all the pieces together regarding the mysterious Project 7734, and it's worse than he imagined. With The Man of Steel temporarily out of the picture, though, it's all up to Superman's Pal to take action... and that's just what he does in *James Robinson & Matt Camp's* ***Superman's Pal, Jimmy Olsen Special #2.*** (Aug)

Having trouble keeping up with all the changes in Superman's world? Then ***Superman Secret Files 2009*** is the book for you! (Aug)

DC Comics gives a fresh twist to a long-lived "Sunday funnies" tradition with ***Wednesday Comics,*** a new, weekly 12-issue series presented in comic strip format by some of the greatest names in comics today! Reinventing the classic weekly newspaper comics section, each issue of ***Wednesday Comics*** is a 16-page weekly that unfolds to a sprawling 28" x 20" tabloid-sized reading experience bursting with mind-blowing color, action and excitement, with each feature on its own 14" x 20" page. The contents include ***Batman*** by *Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso;* ***Adam Strange*** by *Paul Pope* ***Metamorpho*** by *Neil Gaiman & Michael Allred;* ***The Demon & Catwoman*** by *Walter Simonson & Brian Stelfreeze;* ***Deadman*** by *Dave Bullock & Vinton Heuck;* ***Kamandi*** by *Dave Gibbons & Ryan Sook;* ***Superman*** by *John Arcudi & Lee Bermejo;* ***Wonder Woman*** by *Ben Caldwell;* ***Green Lantern*** by *Kurt Busiek & Joe Quinones;* ***Teen Titans*** by *Eddie Berganza & Sean Galloway;* ***Supergirl*** by *Jimmy Palmiotti & Amanda Conner;* ***Hawkman*** by *Kyle Baker;* ***Sgt. Rock*** by *Adam Kubert & Joe Kubert;* ***The Flash*** by *Karl Kerschl & Brenden Fletcher;* and ***Metal Men*** by *Dan DiDio & Ian Churchill.* (Jul-Aug)

Wildstorm/DC

Wildstorm joins forces with Sony and best-selling fantasy author *JS Lewis* to present an adaptation of the new MMORPG ***Free Realms.*** The story begins when a young boy is abducted and dragged into a darkened forest teeming with twisted monsters. It's up to a relic hunter and a pixie to save him. (July)

Beneath the bloody waters of Crystal Lake, an immortal evil wakes and begins anew the cycle of grueling violence in ***Freddy Vs. Jason Vs. Ash: The Nightmare Warriors,*** a sequel series by *Jeff Katz, James Kuhoric, & Jason Craig.* (Jun-Aug)

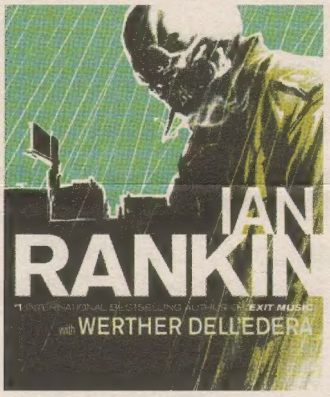
Somewhere in Midwestern America was a place called Conover County. When the old book was opened, and the runes therein used in haste and ignorance, a place of farms, simple folk, and small-town dreams became a den of monsters and nightmare.

Aaron Williams' ***North 40 #1*** is the story of those who survived and came to confront an even greater evil on the horizon – one that wouldn't just consume their flesh, but their souls as well. (Jul-Aug)

Vertigo/DC

Brian Azzarello & Victor Santos help kick off Vertigo's new crime line with ***Filthy Rich,*** an original 200-page hardcover noir drama focusing on Richard "Junk" Junkin , a former pro football star whose career was cut short by injury (and a nasty gambling problem). Junk now spends his time dreaming of what might have been, selling cars in Jersey and lusting after the boss's unbelievably spoiled, unbelievably sexy and unbelievably rich daughter, Victoria. So when the boss asks him to be Victoria's personal bodyguard while she tears up the New York City club scene, Junk leaps at the chance. But things don't work out the way he had hoped... (Jul)

Vertigo's second original noir drama is ***Dark Entries,*** a hardcover Constantine graphic novel by acclaimed novelist *Ian Rankin & Werther Dell'Edera.* Occult detective John Constantine has seen his share of strange things in his career, but nothing could prepare him for the horrors of...reality television. (Jul)



Greek Street is *Peter Milligan's* reimagining of those brutal and visceral tragedies that graced the Theater of Dionysus in Ancient Greece – bloody tales about incest, homicide, beautiful oracles, all-knowing choruses, kings, monsters and gods – played out on the mean streets of modern-day Red-Light London. (Jul-Aug)

And if you like what you read in that excerpt, then you'll definitely want to pick up ***Peter & Max: A Fables Novel.*** Featuring illustrations by *Steve Leialoha,* this *Bill Willingham* tale marks Vertigo's first venture into original prose novels—and it's already getting lots of attention in the mainstream press as well as in the comics specialty market! (Aug)

Devil's Due Publishing

Taking parody to the full limit of the law, ***Barack the Barbarian*** is an action-packed adventure deep into the heart of political humor. Facing off against his arch-nemesis The Old Warrior and Red Sarah, the opening tale is entitled "Quest for the Treasure of Stimuli." *Larry Hama & Chris Schons* have taken credit for the series as both writer and artist. (Jun-Aug)

This seems to be a regular thing, as once again Cassie and Vlad team-up with The Suicide Girls for a ***Hack/Slash*** story. The villain of last-year's story, Diaboliq, is back for a second round in ***Hack/Slash Annual #2 featuring The Suicide Girls,*** only this time out he's brought a little eye-candy of his own—sort of—in the form of Diabolika. (Aug)

A demon-in-the-employ-of-heaven's work is never done, and that's why ***Mercy Sparks: Under New Management*** picks up where the first series leaves off. This time out, it isn't all light and happiness, as *Josh Blaylock, Matt Merhoff, & Bill Crabtree* remind us that this is a series about a demon, after all. (Jul-Aug)

Reprinting the mini-series originally published by Humanoids Publishing, ***Olympus*** by *Geoff Johns, Kris Grimminger, & Butch Guice* follows a group of people who have to deal with the cause of all chaos: Pandora's Box. (Jun-Aug)

Sheena swings into stores again this summer, for the third limited series from Devil's Due. ***Sheena Volume Three: Return of the Jaguar Men*** brings one of her Golden Age villains back for a modern tale of jungle adventure. (Aug)

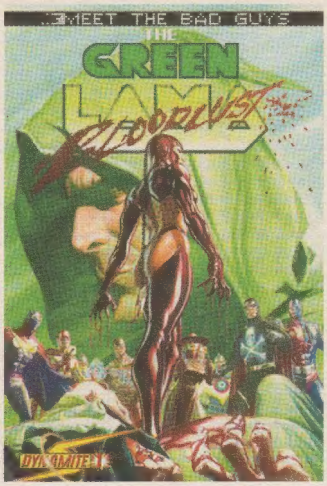
Dynamite Entertainment

Has there ever been a president that has been in comics this much? Plopping him down right in the heart of one of the worst places he can imagine, ***Army of Darkness: Ash Saves Obama*** is a four-issue series with Ash dealing with the horror of a comic book convention. But what is the President of the United States doing there? And does he do sketches? (Aug)

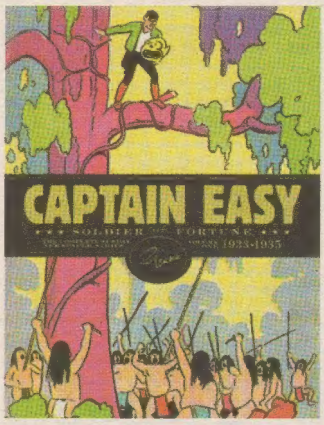
Riding out of the sunset and onto comic shelves once more, The Man With No Name returns in the all-new ***The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*** series. Veteran writer *Chuck Dixon* heads up his return with the aid of artist *Esteve Polls.* (Jul-Aug)

Continuing the saga of the heroes of another age, ***Project Superpowers Chapter Two*** by *Alex Ross, Jim Krueger, & Edgar Salazar.* The introduction to the characters is in place— now it's time for the adventure to truly begin. (Jul-Aug)

You know the heroes, now *Alex Ross, Joe Casey, & Chasen Grieshop* want to Meet the Bad Guys. The four-issue ***Project Superpowers: Meet the Bad Guys*** series kicks into full swing as you are invited to meet Bloodlust, the sexy femme (very) fatale as she squares off against The Green Lama. (Aug)



Inspired by the writings of *Robert E. Howard,* ***Red Sonja Presents Thulsa Doom*** reveals the origin and background of one of the Hyborean Age's greatest villains. Written by *Arvid Nelson* with art by *Lui Antonio,* the first story arc will also sport covers by fan-favorite *Alex Ross.* (Aug)



Fantagraphics

One of the benchmarks of comic strip storytelling, *Roy Crane's* ***Captain Easy: Soldier of Fortune: The Complete Sunday Newspaper Strips*** collects the full-color strips together in a handsome package. (Aug)

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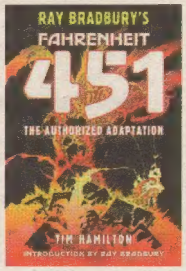
Writer/artist *Richard Sala's* latest graphic novel is ***Cat Burglar Black,*** a tale about a young woman who heads off to an elite academy with the hope of leaving her larcenous days behind, but a mystery at the school can only be solved by someone with her unique skills. What's a girl to do? (Aug)

Inheriting his father's museum of curiosities, Tim and his wife never expected to find the adventure that was contained inside—let alone the taxidermied African warrior. *Glenn Eichler & Nick Bertozzi* take you on a tour of ***Stuffed!,*** a dark comedy about race, family and politics from a writer of ***The Colbert Report*** and the creator of ***Daria.*** (Aug)

Hill and Wang

Adapting one of the most powerful works of literature of the past century, *Tim Hamilton* brings to life Ray Bradbury's ***Fahrenheit 451.*** An authorized adaptation of the book, this original full-color graphic novel tells the story of Guy Montag, and gives a whole new meaning to the word fireman. (Aug)

Covering events starting in the early 1960's all the way through the resignation of President Nixon, ***The Vietnam War: A Graphic History*** covers one of The United States most controversial conflicts, as told by *Dwight Jon Zimmerman, Chuck Horner, & Wayne Vansant.* (Aug)



IDW Publishing

Picking up from events in ***Angel #23, Angel: Only Human*** pairs together Illyria and Gunn as they travel the country trying to find a means of redemption for themselves. (Aug)

Making the move to the big screen, *Osamu Tezuka's* classic character is also moving back to comics. ***The Astro Boy Movie Adaptation*** by *Scott Tipton & E.J. Su* brings the tale of the movie to fans before the film even debuts. (Aug)

Time isn't an issue when you have a time machine, but your time machine can certainly be an issue to time. The new ***Doctor Who*** ongoing series kicks off with a two-part trip to Hollywood in the 1920's, where the Doctor confronts aliens with a dastardly agenda—but his solution might be worse. (Jul-Aug)

In ***Doctor Who: Cold-Blooded War*** by *Richard Starkings & Adrian Salmon,* The Doctor and Donna attempt to construct peace between The Draconians and The Ice Warriors... but someone is out to make sure that never happens. (Aug)

Return to Bete Noire once again, as *Peter David* returns with an all-new ***Fallen Angel*** series. ***Fallen Angel: Reborn*** brings new challenges to Liandra, not the least of which is Illyria, fresh from the pages of ***Angel,*** who has come looking for some powerful artifacts to restore her to her former self—and it looks like both of these fallen angels are on a collision course. (Jul-Aug)

Tying in with the new videogame, ***G.I. Joe Special: Helix*** introduces the newest Joe, a combat specialist by the name of Helix. This woman may be the future for the team, but can she survive long enough to live up to that promise? (Aug)

Back together again, *John Ostrander* and Tim Truman reunite with their best-known creation, Grimjack. ***Grimjack: The Manx Cat*** is an adaptation of the prose story, told here in comic form for the first time ever. (Aug)

Based on the game from Smith and Tinker, ***Nanovor: Game Day*** is the new series that expands on the world introduced in the hand-held video game system. (Aug)

Back again, but this time in comics form, ***Starstruck*** is the eclectic science-fiction story by *Elaine Lee & Michael Wm. Kaluta* which showcases Kaluta's rich linework with

avant-garde storytelling. Each issue of the series will also contain an episode of the Galactic Girl Guides, to boot! (Aug)

You can't keep a Q down—no matter how much you really want it to happen. ***Star Trek: Alien Spotlight: Q*** brings the nigh-omnipotent being back into the life of Jean Luc Picard one more time, as he struggles to understand humanity and the creatures like them. (Aug)

Already the big surprise hit of the year, ***Star Trek*** has found new fans around the world. Taking the momentum of the movie and exploring even deeper, ***Star Trek: Nero,*** by the creative team of *Mike Johnson, Tim Jones, & David Messina,* looks at the life of the movie's villain and his quest to destroy The Federation. (Aug)

Reflecting back from the end of his days, ***Star Trek: Spock: Reflections*** offers the Vulcan's ruminations on his own life as he makes one final trip from Romulus back to Earth. Writers Scott and David Tipton along with artists David Messina and Frederica Manfredi, provide glimpses into the long existence of one of ***Star Trek's*** most beloved characters. (Jul-Aug)

With the new mega-blockbuster feature about to invade theaters, The Transformers are hotter than ever. ***Transformers: Tales of the Fallen*** is the new series set in the continuity of the movie universe, with the first issue dealing with Sam Witwicky looking for a night on the town—one without his robotic guardian Bumblebee. But the Decepticons might make that a short lived wish. (Aug)

A detective who is down on her luck moves back to Maine to her hometown, but that is only the start of her problems. Detective Chris Luna is the star of ***The Veil,*** a woman who can see through the wall that separates the living from the dead, and her latest client isn't from the side of the living. (Jun/Aug)

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Dale Keown's classic hero Pitt makes his return to comics, and Keown is on hand to supply the visuals in ***The Darkness/Pitt #1,*** the kickoff issue of a three-parter written by *Paul Jenkins.* (Aug)

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Heroes star *Milo Ventimiglia* joins with writer *Rick Loverd* and artist *Jeremy Haun* to present ***Berserker.*** The lives of Aaron and Farris, two young and completely different men, are turned upside down when they discover an animalistic and uncontrollable rage living inside them. Meanwhile, two mysterious organizations seek them out for their newfound strength and power for their own purposes. (Jun-Aug)

Tony Chu is a cop with a secret. A weird secret. Tony Chu is Cibopathic, which means he gets psychic impressions from whatever he eats. It also means he's a hell of a detective, as long as he doesn't mind nibbling on the corpse of a murder victim to figure out whodunit, and why. Sink your teeth in the offbeat ***Chew #1*** by *John Layman & Rob Guillory. (Jun-Aug)*

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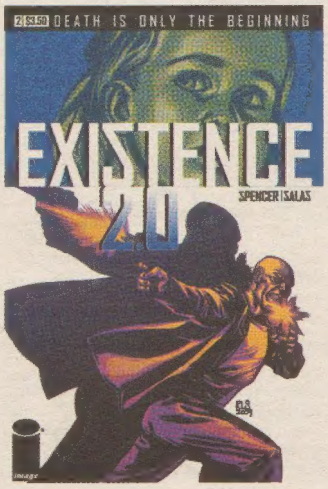
Joseph Michael Linsner & Eva Hopkins present an all-new full-length Dawn story in ***Dawn: Not to Touch the Earth.*** (Jun)

Josh Howard brings his most famous creation to Image with the release of ***Dead@17: Afterbirth #1,*** the first issue of a four-part series. (Jun-Aug)

Self-absorbed physicist Sylvester Baladine finds his consciousness transferred into the body of the hitman who just killed him in



Nick Spencer & Ronald Salas's ***Existence 2.0,*** a three-part miniseries. (Jul-Aug)

Douglas Fredericks' quest to find just the right gift for his parents 15th wedding anniversary are the focus of ***Douglas Frederick & the House of They,*** an offbeat tale by *Joe Kelly & Ben Roman. (Jun)*

The Marvel/Top Cow crossover continues in June with the release of *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Tyler Kirkham's* ***Fusion #2,*** featuring a storyline involving the Avengers, Hunter-Killer, the Thunderbolts, and Cyberforce. (Jun)

Mini-Marvels creator *Chris Giarrusso* returns with ***G-Man: Cape Crisis,*** a brand new five-part miniseries. When pieces of G-Man's magic cape fall into the wrong hands, things quickly spin out of control. G-Man and his friends must battle to recover the pieces—but this time the bad guys have the same power as G-Man! (Aug)

Pete falls in love with an alien he's forced to betray... Anna watches her boyfriend literally turn into the drug he's addicted to... and Joe has a cat that can become any tool or weapon. It's all just another day in *Brandon Graham's* ***King City,*** where mystery is down every alley... and weirdness is crawling through your window. (Aug)

Two monster children dig deep into their imaginations to become the weirdest creatures of all: humans! The brother and sister duo Blarg and Clarg live in a cave in the crater of a live volcano, playing and pretending all day long. While what they pretend may be ordinary to humans, it's fantastical and exotic to them—as you'll see in ***The Lava Is a Floor! HC*** by *Justin Shady & Jeremy R. Scott.* (Aug)

Michael Avon Oeming, Bryan JL Glass, & Victor Santos invite readers to re-experience the wonders of rodent adventure with the release of ***Mice Templar: Destiny #1.*** (Jul-Aug)

Vegrandis, the runt of the litter, was always picked on by the larger tyrannosaurs...but then Vegrandis discovers he isn't the smallest dinosaur in the world! See how his life changes in ***T.Runt,*** an all-ages hardcover by *Derek McCulloch & Jimmie Robinson. (Jun)*

Los Angeles, the City of Fallen Angels, is a city swept up by a brutal crime wave led by a kingpin known only as Big X... and there's only one man who can stop him. He is the embodiment of vengeance and raw justice, and he goes by the name of Mayhem. Meet him in ***Tyrese Gibson's Mayhem #1,*** produced by *Mike Le, William Wilson, & Tone Rodriguez.* (Aug)

Top Cow takes readers back to in time in ***Witchblade/The Darkness/Angelus: Blood on the Sands,*** a oneshot by *Philip W. Smith, Sheldon Mitchell, Tom Grindberg, & Jeff Wamester* that's set in 13th Century Arabia. (Jun)

Marvel

Marvel's 70th anniversary celebration continues with ***All Select Comics #1 70th Anniversary Special,*** a oneshot by *Marc Guggenheim, Javier Pulido, & Michael Kupperman* that features new tales of the Blonde Phantom and Marvex the Super-Robot, along with classic reprints; and ***USA Comics #1 70th Anniversary Special,*** a oneshot by *John Arcudi & Steve Ellis* that features a new tale of the Mighty Destroyer (Jul); ***All Winner Comics #1 70th Anniversary Special,*** in which *Karl Kesel & Steve Uy* present a new tale of Captain America, Bucky, the Human Torch, Toro, the Sub-Mariner, Miss America, and the Wizzer, aka the All-Winners Squad; and ***Mystic Comics #1 70th Anniversary Special,*** which features a story of the original Vision, written and illustrated by *David Lapham.* (Aug)

Don't miss ***Amazing Spider-Man #600,*** an all-star extravaganza featuring all-original material by *Dan Slott, STan Lee, John Romita Jr., Marcos Martin,* and many others. This 104-page issue has it all! It begins with the return of Doctor Octopus, Daredevil, a wedding you never predicted, and the return of one of the most important people in Peter Parker's life. (Jul)

Witness Beta Ray Bill wage war against Galactus in the three-part ***Beta Ray Bill: Godhunter*** by *Kieron Gillen & Kano.* (Jun)

Ed Brubaker, Mark Waid, Roger Stern, Butch Guice, Luke Ross, Dale Eaglesham, and others celebrate a historic event with the release of ***Captain America #600,*** a 104-page return to legacy numbering that promises to reset Cap continuity in a major way. (Jun)

Paul Jenkins & Fernando Blanco present a tale of Captain America set against the backdrop of the battle for Baghdad at the height of the Gulf War in ***Captain America: Theater of War—To Soldier On.*** (Aug)

Jean-Luc Sala & Pierre-Mony Chan follow a mob hit-man who is put in the service of the Vatican to settle an honor debt in ***Crossfire,*** a three-part suspense-thriller set against the backdrop of the Vatican. (Aug)

Spider-Man's most mysterious new enemy takes center stage in ***Dark Reign: Mister Negative,*** a 3-issue miniseries by *Fred Van Lente & Gianluca Gigliotta.* (Jun-Aug)

He *ain't* friendly... and this *ain't* your neighborhood! Yes, Mac Gargan, America's favorite sociopath-turned-symbiote-host-turned-hero-hunter now takes the spotlight as Norman Osborn's sinister Spider-Man. Meet him in ***Dark Reign: The Sinister Spider-Man #1,*** the kickoff issue of a four-parter by *Brian Reed & Chris Bachalo.* (Jun-Aug)

Norman Osborn may be running the show, but not every super-villain is going to accept the new world order. But who -- or what -- is Zodiac? In the 3-part ***Dark Reign: Zodiac*** by *Joe Casey & Nathan Fox,* the new breed of super-villain has finally arrived. (Jun-Aug)

The insatiable Fat Cobra stars in ***Immortal Weapons #1,*** the first issue in a five-part series by *Jason Aaron & Mico Suayan.* Each issue will feature a Danny Rand backup feature by *Duane Swierczynski & Travel Foreman.* (Jul-Aug)

The Incredible Hulk returns in July, returning to its legacy numbering for ***Incredible Hulk #600.*** In the lead story by *Jeph Loeb & Ed McGuinness,* Spider-Man drops by, determined to find out who the Red Hulk is. (Jul)

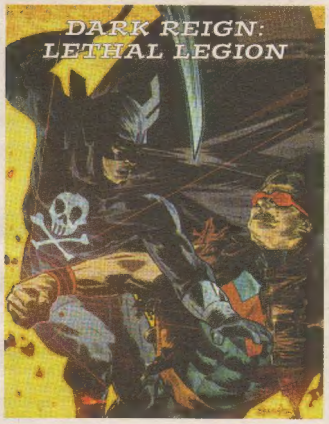
Readers of all ages can enjoy Tony Stark's exploits in ***Iron Man: Armored Adventures,*** a series inspired by the Nicktoon Network animated series. (Jul-Aug)

Cash, cars, boats, houses...Tony Stark has it all. The only thing that could ruin his day? If every single one of his Iron Man armors were stolen, and then turned against him. Alas, that's just what happens in ***Iron Man & The Armor Wars,*** a four-parter by *Joe Caramagna & Craig Rousseau.* (Aug)

What is the Kingpin's true plan? What do he and Lady Bullseye have in common? What will Matt Murdock do to make things right again? And just what do Ed Brubaker & Michael Lark have in mind for their final issue before a new creative team takes over? Find out in ***Daredevil #500,*** an extra-length issue that also features new stories by *Ann Nocenti, David Aja,* and others. (Aug)

The Dark Avengers take on the X-Men in ***Dark Avengers/Uncanny X-Men: Utopia,*** a six-part crossover event by *Matt Fraction & Marc Silvestri.* (Jun-Aug)

When Norman Osborn takes over, what happens to the villains who don't make his short list of acceptable allies? Grim Reaper, Mr. Hyde, Absorbing Man, Nekra, and Man-Ape are about to find out when their cooperative of crime lands on the wrong side of Norman's law in ***Dark Reign: Lethal Legion,*** a three-parter by *Frank Tieri & Mateus Santolouco. (Jun-Aug)*



Wolverine takes a turn to the dark side in ***Dark Wolverine #75*** by *Daniel Way, Marjorie Liu, & Giuseppe Camuncoli.* Wolverine's son, Daken, has finally emerged from the shadows, stepping out onto the main stage of the Marvel Universe. (Jun-Aug)

Who are the Dark X-Men and how did they come to be? Find out in ***Dark X-Men: The Beginning,*** a three-part series by *Paul Cornell, James Asmus, Humberto Ramos,* and others. Each issue has three 11-page stories, each dedicated to one of the Dark X-Men and how they came to be part of the team. (Jul-Aug)

It's the Merc with *two* mouths! Deadpool travels to the Savage Land to retrieve what might be the deadliest bio-weapon the universe has ever seen. What is this deadly object? Howsabout the severed-but-still-hungry head of the Marvel Zombies Deadpool! See what happens next in *Victor Gischler & Bong Dazo's* ***Deadpool: Merc With a Mouth #1.*** (Jul)

The depression's going strong, so when Dominic Fortune is hired to bodyguard Jock Madison, Vaughn Lorillard and P.T. Oakley, three drunk and disorderly Hollywood stars, he jumps at the chance to pick up what looks like a few easy bucks, and maybe have a few laughs in the bargain. But things take an ugly turn when Fortune accidentally stumbles across a twisted conspiracy in ***Dominic Fortune #1,*** the debut issue of a Marvel MAX series by *Howard Chaykin.* (Aug)

Jason Aaron brings his Ghost Rider run to a close with the six-part ***Ghost Riders: Heaven's on Fire,*** illustrated by *Roland Boschi. (Aug)*

You've seen how the mutants and the heroes were changed in the world ruled by Magneto...but what about the villains? Their story stands revealed in *Christos Gage & Manuel Garcia's* ***House of M: Masters of Evil #1.*** (Aug)

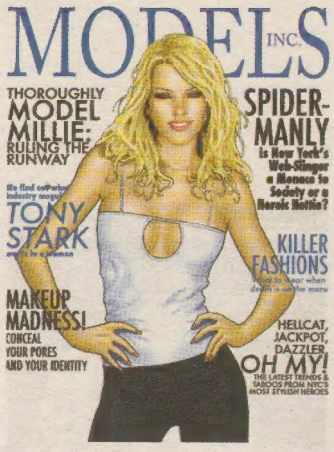
Framed for murder, Blaine Cole, one of Marvel's original western heroes saddles up to ride again as ***Kid Colt*** in an extra-length oneshot by *Tom DeFalco & Rick Burchett.* (Jul)

A former prisoner returns to the street of Prohibition-era Harlem, hoping to resurrect his previous life, in ***Luke Cage Noir,*** a four-part series by *Mike Benson, Adam Glass, & Shawn Martinbrough.* (Aug)

Patsy Walker, Felicia Hardy, Angelica Jones, and Monica Rambeau. Separately, they're known as Hellcat, Black Cat, Firestar, and Photon. Together, they're the ***Marvel Divas,*** spotlighted in their very own four-part series by *Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa & Tonci Zonjic. (Jul)*

Ed Brubaker & Steve Epting unveil the defining story of the origin of the Marvel Universe in ***The Marvels Project,*** an eight-part series that reveals the hidden connections that unite the earliest costumed champions, and whose reverberations are felt dramatically into the present day! The tale begins in 1939, in a a world on the brink of war, and the race is on to create the world's first super-soldier. (Aug)

Marvel Comics #1 70th Anniversary Edition is more than just a reprinting of the 1939 comic that started the Marvel Age—it also features all-new coloring by some of the best in modern comics, including *Dean White, Dave McCaig, Jason Keith, Morry Hollowell,* and *Frank D'Armata.* (Aug)



When Millie Collins becomes the prime suspect in a murder, fellow models Toni Turner, Patsy Walker, Jill Jerold, and Chili Storm are forced to play detective in order to save one of their own in ***Models, Inc.,*** a four-part miniseries by *Paul Tobin & Vicenc Villagrasa.* (Aug)

To stop a murderous snuff film ring, Frank Castle has to infiltrate a building with a security system so tight that he can't bring in any weapons other than his own wits, inventiveness and ruthless efficiency. Watch him in action in ***Punisher: Frank Castle—Naked Kill,*** a oneshot by *Jonathan Maberry & Laurence Campbell.* (Jun)

Punisher Noir, a four-parter by *Frank Tieri & Paul Azaceta,* reimagines Frank Castle as a nemesis of Dutch Schultz and his mob of hoodlums. (Aug)

The name of the five-issue limited series? ***Reborn.*** The writer? *Ed Brubaker.* And while Marvel isn't telling us what the book is about or who will star in the series, let's think about what well-known Marvel character died in a book written by *Ed Brubaker...* a character whose return as close as possible to the Fourth of July might seem like a very good idea... (Oh, yeah—*Bryan Hitch* is supplying the art, which means it's most definitely an A-list project!) (Jul-Aug)

The Marvel/Soleil English language presentation of ***Scourge of the Gods*** continues with the three-parter ***The Fall.*** (Jul)

After an epic battle against the Frost Giants, the Thunder God is accused of murdering innocent Asgardians. It sounds impossible...except that Balder the Brave is an eyewitness to the carnage. Did the mayhem and stress of war finally push even the greatest of heroes over the edge? Find out in *Peter Milligan & Cary Nord's* ***Thor: The Trial of Thor*** oneshot. (Jun)

Can't keep your gods separate? That's where ***Thor & Hercules: Encyclopædia Mythologica*** comes in. This double-sized book offers a character guide for everything mythological from Aztecs to Zoroaster. (Jul)

In the oneshot ***Timestorm 2009/2099: Spider-Man*** by *Brian Reed & Wesley Craig,* readers can witness the birth of the future's Spider-Man -- assuming Peter Parker, the current Spider-Man, doesn't knock some sense into him first! (Jun)

Meanwhile, in Reed & Craig's ***Timestorm 2009/2099: X-Men,*** readers can follow Wolverine as he investigates whether there might be a small band of mutants still around in 2099.(Jun)

Marvel says goodbye to the three ***Ultimate*** series with ***Ultimatum: Fantastic Four Requiem #1, Ultimatum: Ultimate Spider-Man Requiem #1,*** and ***Ultimatum: Ultimate X-Men Requiem #1.*** Of course, the Ultimate Universe isn't actually going away, since there'll be several ***Ultimate Comics*** launches later this summer. (Jul)

Mark Miller & Carlos Pacheco help to kick off the second phase of Marvel's Ultimate line with ***Ultimate Comics Avengers #1.*** It begins when a highly-classified secret threatens Captain America, leading Nick Fury to put together a team of super-operatives to get to the bottom of it all. (Aug)

Brian Bendis joins with artist *David LaFuente* to launch ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #1.*** This new chapter in the life of the teenaged webslinger picks up in the aftermath of ***Ultimatum*** and completely redefines the status quo of Spider-Man for the next generation! (Aug)

The early days of the X-Men's second generation are revealed in ***Uncanny X-Men: First Class,*** an all-new series by *Scott Gray & Roger Cruz* starring Cyclops, Storm, Banshee, Colossus, Nightcrawler, Wolverine and Phoenix. (Jul-Aug)

What shocking event sent Gladiator on his path to becoming the leader of the Shi'Ar Imperial Guard? Christos Gage & Mahmud Asrar reveal a life-changing moment in the early days of this infamous X-foe in ***War of Kings: Warrior #1,*** the first half of a two-parter. (Jul-Aug)

Chris Claremont returns to the mutants he helped to make famous in ***X-Men Forever #s 1 & 2,*** both slated for June release. The shockwaves after the death of Magneto are still reverberating all over the world. Attempting to heal the rift between man and mutant kind, Professor Xavier volunteers his X-Men to go on a mission to capture Magneto's sole remaining Acolyte, Fabien Cortez! (Jun-Aug)

Mike Carey & David Yardin present the origin of Remy LeBeau in ***X-Men Origins: Gambit,*** a oneshot that follows the Ragin' Cajun's transformation from villain to hero—and what it cost him... (Jun)

Oni Press

With a humorous edge, ***Return of King Doug*** by *Greg Erb & Jason Oremland* presents a somewhat familiar tale of a young boy who is found to be the lost saviour of an alternate fantasy realm, where he has to fight against an evil queen. But in this case, the boy is terrified and runs away. Back as a man, how will he handle the pressure this time? (Aug)

Pantheon Books

The events of Hurricane Katrina have been felt throughout the country, but unless you lived on the Gulf Coast, you didn't truly understand its impact. ***A.D.: New Orleans After the Deluge*** is the new graphic novel by *Josh Neufeld* that presents six true stories about people, and their lives after the storm. (Aug)

Radical Publishing

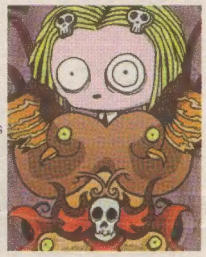
Bringing a sword-and-sorcery flavor to the myth, ***Hercules: The Knives of Kush*** is the second limited series with the epic character. Writer *Steve Moore* and artist *Chris Bolson* take the demigod to Egypt, where he must solve a theft and face off against the power of the dead. (Jul-Aug)

Nick Simmons, the son of the famed headman of the rock group Kiss, is the writer and artist of the new ***Incarnate*** series. A manga-influenced tale, this new series deals with Revenants, immortal undead in search of a purpose. And when a secret society finds the means to destroy them, the Revenants might have found their new purpose: hunt or be hunted. (Aug)

Red 5 Comics

Owning a auto shop rarely means that you have to fight monsters. But rarely means that it does happen sometimes... ***We Kill Monsters*** is the new comedy/horror series by *Christopher Leone & Brian Churilla* about The Basher Brothers, and their recent discovery that there are definitely some things that go bump in the night, and someone has got to fight them. (Jul-Aug)

Titan Publishing



After two years, *Roman Dirge* returns with the all-new ***Lenore Volume II.*** This new color series kicks off with nothing less than Lenore's origin story, along with two other new tales. (Aug)

Tokyopop

Because they've run out of possible television series, it's time for the CSI crew to take over comics. ***CSI: Interns*** is the new manga-style look into the future of the CSI program, starting with the death of one of the interns themselves. (Aug)

He's an international star...and no one can explain why. ***Domo*** makes his English-language debut in this collection of tales starring the former mascot of a Japanese television station. (Aug)

Zenescope Entertainment

Coming full-circle, *Carol Ann Liddle* is ready to end this once and for all. She is ready to bring the madness to an end. She is ready to ***Escape from Wonderland.*** Taking hold of the legacy she was foretold, Carol Ann is ready to fight for more than just herself, as she heads into Wonderland to save her daughter from the insanity that rules there. (Aug)

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